

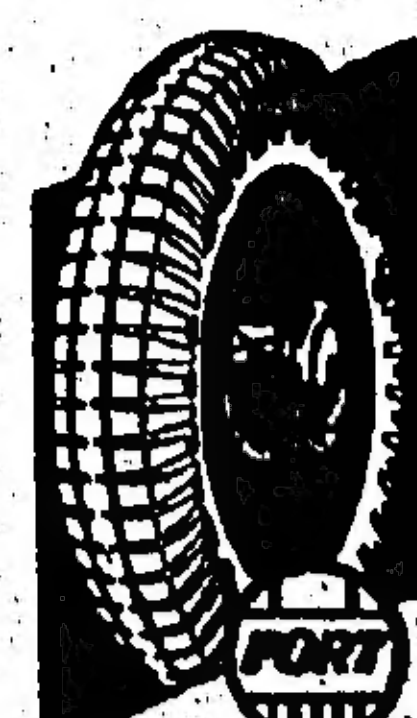
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REVIEW OF SOCIETY'S "LABOUR OF LOVE"

MRS. SOUTHERN'S SPEECH

"MORE BEEF AND MUSTARD" WANTED FROM A GENEROUS PUBLIC.

Tributes to the untiring efforts of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society were paid by Mrs. W. T. Southern, at the annual meeting of the Society which was held in the Sanitary Board Room this morning. Mrs. Southern took the chair.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy moved the adoption of the annual report, the motion being seconded by the Rev. E. G. Powell.

Replying to the speech made by Mrs. Southern, the President, Mrs. Dodwell, said:—

"I would like to thank Mrs. Southern very much for all the nice things she had said about the Society and only wish that she could have found time to become our President again, but we know how very many calls she has on her time. I'm sure we are all very glad that she was able to come to-day. I also want to thank Mr. Cassidy for moving the adoption of the Report, and our thanks are also due to the gentlemen on our advisory committee. I am glad to say that we have worried them so little this year that they have kindly consented to act again. May I also thank those ladies who have served on the Committee and whose efforts have made my post as President a most enjoyable and easy one. In conclusion you will, I am sure, join me in a special vote of thanks and appreciation to our hard working Secretary. The successful working of a Society, such as this, depends to a very great extent on the Secretary, and the result, I am sure, speaks volumes for Mrs. McCormack's untiring efforts."

The new President, Mrs. G. R. Sayer, was welcomed to the Committee by Mrs. Southern, who also congratulated Mrs. Dodwell on her unbroken record of meeting attendances.

STOP PRESS

Tokyo, To-day.

Although it has not been officially announced, Reuter learns from a reliable source that the troops intended to leave for Shanghai, but who have not yet left Japan, have had their sailing orders cancelled.

Other reinforcements already on the way will proceed to Shanghai, where they will probably relieve those who have been engaged in the fighting, besides assisting in the work of restoring order in the devastated area pending the return of normal conditions. Reuter.

LINDBERGH STILL ASSURED.

Warning Note Causes His Reticence.

"SCARFACE AL" HELPS.

(Reuter's Special Service.)
Hopwells, New Jersey, Yesterday.

Col. Lindbergh is still assured that his baby will be returned before midnight, but is reticent regarding details.

His reason for reticence is stated to be due to the threat imparted in a note warning him not to talk too much or to allow the contents of the note to be published, otherwise the baby will be put to death.

Meanwhile Al Capone, from his cell in a penitentiary in Illinois, has offered a reward of \$2,000 for information leading to the recovery of the child unharmed and the apprehension of the kidnappers.

WOULD-BE ROBBERS ROBBED.

Attempt to Evade Duty in Canton.

STOKER SENT TO JAIL.

How Chinese are attempting to rob the Canton Government of duty, payable on certain goods, was described by Inspector F. W. Shafrin in the Central Police Court this morning, when a Chinese stoker of the s.s. Tai Shan was charged before Mr. Williams with the theft of two rolls of cloth, fifteen dozen powder puffs, and a dozen mouth organs. Inspector Shafrin said that, in this case, the goods were handed to the complainant, who, in turn, handed them over to the accused, who had apparently pawned them. What was really happening was that they were trying to get the goods into Canton without paying duty, and they left it to a member of the ship's crew to get the goods ashore, for which job he was paid. It was really one party trying to rob the Canton Government being robbed by themselves. It was accused's job, in this instance, to take ashore the goods, which were valued at \$153.

In sentencing the accused to four weeks' hard labour, his Worship warned the complainant against the practice in future.

ties overcoming their distress and becoming self-supporting. But this cannot be achieved without means at hand to save them from sinking at the critical moment. Then there are the hopeless cases, the unemployables—not the men or women who make one false step and by means of a helping hand may still make good—no, the unemployables, who cannot keep a job if they get it and physically are often incapable of carrying out sustained work. You cannot let them die on the doorstep. It is impossible to judge very often of the first step that took them on the road to misfortune and failure. Thought, time, and a certain amount of money must be given out in dealing with such cases, especially in Hong Kong, where there are not the variety of institutions and organizations to cope with them. There are often great difficulties in dealing with foreign nationals stranded here, who have no Consul, who are non-Catholics, with no claims on St. Vincent de Paul or other kindred Societies. Then, too, age and sickness bring claims which cannot be refuted and they are often long and heavy charges on the Society.

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PEACE TALKS IN PROGRESS

THE EFFORTS OF BRITISHERS.

REFUGEES

THE GREAT PROBLEM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai (11 a.m.), To-day. The Flagship of the British Naval Fleet of the China Station, the cruiser H.M.S. "Kent" is figuring prominently in the peace negotiations that are going on. Meetings are being held daily aboard this vessel, and, when the history of the Shanghai Armistice comes to be written, Admiral Sir. Howard Kelly, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., C.B., R.N., and Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., British Minister to China, must get the lion's share of credit for efforts in bringing about a cessation of hostilities and the permanent peace which is so necessary and which is now universally desired. Business Again.

Intensive efforts are now being made to restore normal business conditions in those districts hitherto closed owing to recent operations.

Dismantling. Japanese are now engaged on dismantling the barbed wire entanglements which had been erected in various parts, but are warning the public to avoid Chapel, in view of the possibility that remnants of Chinese troops and snipers may have stayed behind, and also in view of the possibility of dangerous objects, such as grenades and other explosives, having been left behind before the Chinese troops retreated.

All night long Japanese blue-jackets trod the streets gingerly, fearing the entanglements might set off land mines, and an eerie effect was created by figures of steel-helmeted men dodging and creeping against unseen snipers with rifles at the ready and bayonets glinting and again suddenly vanishing into the shadows.

Refugees. Sixty-five camps, meanwhile, are caring for hordes of refugees.

HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT.

Renewed to Germany.

FOR THREE MONTHS.

Paris, Yesterday. The hundred million dollar credit, granted to Germany by the Bank of International Settlements, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Bank of France and the Bank of England, has been renewed for three months at three per cent, subject to the immediate redemption of ten million dollars. Reuter.

BRITISH SECURITIES

Further Rise.

Rugby, Yesterday. The stock markets have been extremely active throughout the day and a further sharp rise in British Government securities had

MR. RUNCIMAN ON WORLD CRISIS.

Cessation of Gigantic International Payments.

GREAT HOPE FOR FUTURE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Runciman, made some interesting remarks on the new British-Tariff Policy at the Foreign Press Association luncheon to-day. He said that, having given the whole world an open market for so long, the rest of the world must not grudge Britain regulating her imports as other countries had regulated theirs.

He continued: "I never felt that we should do good either to ourselves or anyone else in the world by adding to the trade barrier blindly and without reason. There may be good reason for now restricting the area of our free markets. I hope it may be the precursor of freer markets not only here but elsewhere. It is sometimes necessary, in the interests of good medicine, to inoculate the patient with a disease something similar to that from which he is suffering. Tariff barriers may prove to be the only way by which we can guide international trade into profitable channels.

The Government were determined to make arrangements during the Summer and the Autumn with the Dominions increasing the volume of Imperial Trade, but that did not preclude them from making friendly arrangements with foreign countries. He looked forward to such arrangements with great hope. He added that his personal view was that the only thing which would give the world a real stimulus was the cessation of those gigantic international payments which threw trade out of gear and hampered it on every hand—British Official Wireless Service.

MOTHER AND SON MEET AFTER 18 YEARS

The Europa Scene of Happy Reunion.

DISCUSSED MARRIAGE.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. The meeting of a mother and son, who had not seen each other for 18 years, took place aboard the North German Lloyd liner Europa in the Solent, when Prince Lennart of Sweden ran up the gangway of the liner from a tug alongside to greet his mother, the Grand Duchess Maria of Russia, who had come from the United States to attend her son's wedding in London.

Her son is to marry Miss Nissavand, the daughter of a Swedish merchant, contrary to the wishes of the King of Sweden, the Princes of Sweden, and his grandfather.

THE HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION.

Film Witnessed by the King and Queen.

Rugby, Yesterday. The King and Queen in the big hall of Buckingham Palace this afternoon saw the film taken by the British Himalayan Expedition which was led by Mr. F. S. Smythe and which reached the summit of Mount Kamel, the highest peak ever scaled by man—British Official Wireless Service.

a bracing effect all round. Some reaction occurred on the announcement that the Bank Rate remained unchanged, but the market closed with a strong appearance and substantial gains in nearly all departments—British Official Wireless Service.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MEETING

JAPAN'S CONDITIONAL TERMS TO END FIGHTING.

DR. YEN'S RESTRAINED SPEECH

TOLL OF CIVILIAN LIVES DUE TO AERIAL BOMBARDMENTS.

The special meeting of the League Assembly, convoked to deal with the Far Eastern crisis, met at 11 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, March 3. M. Hymans, the Belgian delegate to the Assembly, was elected to preside, and nearly fifty nations had representatives present.

M. Paul Boncour, the French delegate, in a speech at the opening of the meeting, referred to the painful and tragic situation they had met to consider, and pointed out that it was the first big conflict with which the League had had to deal.

Dr. Yen's Restrained Speech.

Geneva, Yesterday. Dr. Yen's speech, characterized by its remarkable moderation and restraint, was broadcast to America. It contained no threat, no reference to sanctions, only an appeal to the moral force of public opinion.

Appeal to Moral Force.

He stated that the Japanese aerial expeditions to Soochow and Hangchow, when tons of explosives were dropped, resulted in a toll of over seven thousand civilian lives.

Toll of Aerial Bombardment.

Mr. Matsudaira replied to Dr. Yen explaining Japanese grievances against China.

Japan's Grievances.

On the proposal of M. Hymans the dispute was referred to the General Committee of the Assembly. This Committee will meet to-morrow afternoon.

Japan Prepared to Cease Hostilities on Condition.

Mr. Matsudaira said that if all dangers to Japanese residents in the International Settlement could be removed, the Japanese were prepared to cease hostilities immediately and withdraw the Expeditionary Force to Japan. Japan was prepared to hold a Round Table Conference with the interested Powers to safeguard the rights and interests of the Powers concerned. He emphasized that Japan had no political or territorial ambitions in Shanghai. Japan did not desire to establish a Japanese Settlement in Shanghai, or desired other exclusive privileges. He hoped the present difficulties would soon be amicably composed, and the dark clouds overhanging East Asia dispelled for ever.

A Dispiriting Statement.

"China feels that the only alternative left to her is further resistance to the Japanese attack and a continuation of hostilities is inevitable." This dispiriting statement was made by Dr. Yen this afternoon in a letter addressed to the League Secretariat reporting that Japan's basic peace conditions were regarded as tantamount to conditions of surrender and were absolutely unacceptable.

Dr. Yen addressing the Assembly in the afternoon said: "I regret to inform you that negotiations in Shanghai have broken down and that fighting has restarted." Reuter.

Definite Truce to Come.

Washington, Yesterday. After he had had a conference with Mr. Stimson, Mr. Debut (Japanese Ambassador) told

Pressmen that he expected a truce definitely to come into effect in Shanghai to-morrow. He added that preparations would be made for a Round Table Conference of all interested Powers to discuss the situation of the International Settlement. Reuter's American Service.

SITUATION OF SOME COMPLEXITY.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

Breakdown—No Breakdown.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A situation of some complexity exists regarding the actual position in Shanghai.

When in Geneva the League Assembly met again this evening, the Chinese delegate, Dr. Yen, declared that negotiations for an armistice had broken down. When the Japanese delegate, Mr. Matsudaira, spoke immediately afterwards, he read a telegram stating that Japanese military and naval commanders had signed an order for all their troops to halt on their present positions and to cease fighting, provided the Chinese took similar action.

In the House of Commons this afternoon the Japanese order to cease hostilities from 2 p.m. (Shanghai time) was announced. Shanghai Press messages to-night state that the further meeting which had been arranged for to-day between the Japanese and Chinese authorities did not take place, but the Commander of the Chinese 19th Army is reported

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FINE GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anticyclone has dissipated. Another may be forming over N.E. China.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine generally.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day nil. Total since January 1—2.55 inches against an average of 3.41 inches—deficit .86 inch.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	89
Macao	88
Pratas Island	68
Manila	70
Foochow	84
Amoy	88
Chafsoo	89
Shanghai	45



CHAPTER XI.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR
Mata Hari, famous dancer and enemy spy, makes an innocent accomplice of a young Russian aviator, Alexander Rosanoff, who is infatuated with her, in order to get some secret papers. In a jealous rage, her former lover, Shubin, Attache of the Russian Embassy, attempts to telephone Dubois, the head of the French Secret Service, and prove that not only Mata Hari but Rosanoff are spies. The dancer shoots him, then disposes the gun so as to make it appear suicide. At this point, Rosanoff, ordered to fly back to Russia with messages, comes to see Shubin. Mata Hari persuades him not to enter and at last admits that she loves him. She goes for advice to Adriana, guiding mind of the enemy operatives.

IN HIDING.

Whatever Adriana believed, he kept to himself, shunning confidantes, women and satellites like the plagues he said they were. He had a routine so regular, so seemingly innocuous as to have baffled any suspicion. Here, one would have said, was a man with nothing to hide. Else why could he always be found in more or less the same places at more or less the same hours, always correctly attired, urbane, if rather dry, with his gray face and his enigmatic eyes.

The morning he spent at his gambling house in town, the evening at the more luxurious Pavilion. He lunched alone and dined at his own quarters in the Pavilion, where sometimes he had guests. In the afternoons, he strolled on the boulevards, had his glass of beer or wine in various cafes, where sometimes acquaintances would come to sit at his table and chat with him. He appeared to be very much interested in books. He would often rummage among the book stalls on the left bank of the Seine and had a share apparently more for pleasure than for profit in a little second-hand book shop near the Odéon, run by an old woman named Durant.

In the weeks during which Shubin's death formed a subject of gossip and speculation in knowledgeable circles, anyone concerned with Adriana's movements might have noticed that he went rather more often than usual to this little shop. He paid his visits openly in broad daylight. However, he had the means at his disposal to assure himself that no one was concerned.

After a talk with Mother Durant, an old French woman whose fluffy, snowy hair made a startling frame for her sour and battered face, Adriana would follow her into the rear of the shop where she had her meagre living quarters. Mother Durant would then come out ready to wait on the occasional customers. She sold other things besides books, stationery, and odds and ends of trinkets but kept all of her wares so haphazardly arranged that neither she nor anyone else could ever find anything. Perhaps that was why her shop was seldom patronized.

One afternoon, when Adriana appeared, Mother Durant had evidently been on the lookout for him through the window. She came to the door to meet him in some excitement and Adriana disappeared at once into the rear rooms.

It was dim in there. A clutter of old furniture threw dusty shadows on the floor, on the wall. A woman in a long, black garment could be seen standing in an even darker interior beyond a couple of steps which led up from Mother Durant's imitation of a living-room.

"Mata," Adriana had to call her several times before she stirred. She was all in black and had a coat with a fur collar over her arm. Her face had grown thinner and somehow softer. Had she wept sometimes perhaps during all these weeks when she had nothing to do but think and read and wait for Adriana to come with news of the world that she could only see from a few feet of window at the end of the room? Mother Durant never noticed it and Mother Durant had very sharp eyes. And with Adriana the dancer was always cool and guarded.

"Were you going out?"
Mata Hari did not answer at first and then appeared to decide that speech could make no difference to her resolution.

"Yes, I was and am going out."
"What's this I hear about this new and complete madness of yours?" demanded Adriana, for once permitting his anger to be visible in his frowning face and intent eyes. "What sort of a fantastic scheme have you concocted, when I have made everything ready for your escape?"

"So Mother Durant got word to you?"
"Of course Durant got word to me! Did you think you would be permitted to go? How Durant, whom I have always given credit for sense, allowed you to inveigle her—"

"I made her!" cried the dancer. "I'd have killed her if she hadn't!" she went on so passionately that Adriana, in spite of herself, took a step back. "And I mean to go. Do you think when he's wounded—when he's in a hospital—right here—right near me—only a short drive away—do you think I'd let you or anything or anybody keep me away? When he's in pain and calling for me and I think of him and hear him all the while I'm sitting here—alone—in this miserable little room? And when it's my fault! Yes, it is. I feel it. I shouldn't have made him put out his sacred lamp," she said brokenly. "I never should have done that! It was cruel. It's—it's hurt him. . . ."

"My dear, I have never yet seen you hysterical," said Adriana in a tone of frigid disdain. "Perhaps, this solitude—"

If he thought that this would bring her to her senses like a dash of cold water, stiffen her into her old pride, he was doomed to disappointment. She interrupted him with a burst of laughter.

"Haven't you? What do you know of me, Adriana? What do you know of the solitude and the suffering I've endured in rooms as miserable as this?"

It was true. He knew nothing. This was the first word he had ever had from her in all their acquaintanceship, in their necessary close connection, which referred to that childhood and girlhood which was only rumour. But it was hardly the time for curiosity.

Nevertheless, he swerved to different tactics.

"Come, be reasonable. In the first place, how do you know

Rosanoff's wounded?"
"I read it in the casualty lists. Then I—"

"Oh, the casualty lists! Why, the man may be dead! If his plane was shot down, most likely what happened, then he's certainly dead—"

"He's not dead!" she cried at him, beating at him with one clenched fist. "He's not. I know it. Don't dare to say that he's dead!"
Catching her wrist and imprisoning it in the vise of his fingers, Adriana said: "You love him, then?"

"Yes."
He let her go.
After a silence in which the dancer nursed her wrist and Adriana reflected, the latter began afresh.

"I've no objection to getting you news of him, my dear, if he's really in a hospital nearby. Durant says she called someone you know at the Russian Embassy. A very dangerous thing to do. You might have applied to me."

"Thanks. I'll get my own news of him. I don't see much danger that's not of your making. I should not have hid. I should have gone about, and if they questioned me, known nothing about Shubin's suicide. You say it's rumoured he killed himself for my sake. What's that to me? Several men have killed themselves for my sake. Why, they're not even looking for me—by your account. And if I were going about, as usual, the matter would be quickly forgotten."

"That suicide rumour is only a smoke screen, I'm sure of it, put up by Dubois. He's making his inquiries behind it. Listen to me, Mata!" said Adriana harshly.

"These French are smarter than you believe. If you had been available you would have been arrested long ago—yes, and they wouldn't have let you go so quickly, if at all! Now, you are supposed to have gone on a little holiday, presumably with a new lover—not unusual for you. You sent for your clothes—I sent for them. They were taken to your house at Neuilly which I had opened for you by my own men acting as your servants. If they are questioned, they can say, yes, Madame was there with her lover for a few days and then left. And if you are wise, if you do not succumb to a lunacy, in a few days you will be seen on the continent, in Holland, where you will be safe till this matter is forgotten. It's been difficult, but I have my arrangements almost completed."

"Your passport I found to be in order," he went on. "Good. I had arranged for you to motor to Havre and take a boat for Amsterdam. It has taken a lot of influence but I have been able to manage it so that there would be no trouble. And in Amsterdam you would report to D-14 who will find work for you for the present. You may wonder why I have worked so hard for you, my dear. . . ."

"Oh, no, I don't!" she put in with scorn. "You're afraid if I'm arrested I'll talk."

"Perhaps. At any rate, it doesn't suit my plans to let you be arrested."

"And I tell you," she said, having recovered her poise, "it doesn't suit my plans to go to Holland at present. At least—not before I see him."

"You actually mean to go to the hospital?"
"Yes, I do. Don't you see I'm dressed? And you're delaying me."

"You're sure to be arrested!"
"I must see him."

Adriana made a gesture of profound incredulity. Perhaps she mistook it for helplessness, for her voice changed. There was a note of pleading in it, as she searched that gray face for the least sign of sympathy.

"It's not that I—wish to endanger you, if my arrest will do so. Be assured, if they arrest me, I will never involve anyone else. But I must see him; just for a little while, just to show him, if he's hurt, that

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

To-day—S.P.C.A. Fancy Dress Carnival Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
To-day—Practice dance (St. Patrick's Society, H.K.) Helena May Institute.

March 8—H.K.W.G. & M.C.L. bridge, mahjong, and tea dance, Hong Kong Hotel.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre: "Once a Lady," also Zimmy, the legless wonder.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Silver Horde."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Gun Smoke."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Merely Mary Ann."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Harmony Heaven."

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for America (5 p.m.) and Europe via Siberia (President Taft) 6 p.m.; for Europe via Suez (Haruna Maru) 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tillawa). Outward for Europe via Suez (Soudan) 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

March 9—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg., 2nd floor, 11 a.m.

March 10—Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.

March 15—Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., 1, Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 18—Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., annual meeting, Exchange Building, 11 a.m., extraordinary meeting, 11.30 a.m.

March 23—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, annual meeting, noon; extraordinary meeting 12.15 p.m.

I'm sorry, that it wasn't just in mockery that I meant it when I said I loved him. He's not much like the others, Adriana. He's the first one who's not like the others. And I know what pain is, I've always known it—but I forgot. This recalled it. And I'm not heartless—"

"That's evident," said Adriana curtly.

He continued as if he were musing out loud. "You remember that poor Carlotta, my dear—she who committed suicide. I think she was in love, too. My dear, ours is a very exacting profession. Sometimes I wonder why I ever went into it, don't you? The pay is poor compared to the risks. If we fail we die an ignominious death. We are permitted no personal life, no friends, no emotions of our own."

"What's the point of all this? What are you driving at?"
"I was only trying to remind you, my dear, that a spy in love is a tool that has outlived its usefulness."

"I'm not afraid of your threats," replied Mata Hari.

"You've had your orders!"
At that, she gasped with the strength of her contempt and burst out: "Orders! What do I care for your orders? You'll not intimidate me. I'm not Carlotta! I'm not like the rest of your underlings—I'm Mata Hari! I'm my own master. I'll work with you no longer! I resign!"

Mother Durant ran in from the shop.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme.
7.05-8 p.m.—From the Studio—A Pianoforte Recital by Miss Luba Pecker and pupils (Senior Group).

Programme.
1. Valse (Shubert) Miss Socorro Alves.
2. Valse No. 10 (Chopin), Miss Marjell Gubbay.
3. Sonata (Haydn), Miss Elisabeth Johnson.

4. Romance (Sibelius), Miss Barbara Baleau.
5. Valse Chromatique (Godard), Miss Esther Lyen.
6. Gollwog's Cake Walk (Debussy), Miss Gladys Heard.

7. Sonata No. 10 (Bethoven), Miss Maria Alves.
8. Sous Bois (Duvernoy), Miss Doreen Ma.
9. Rakoczy March (Berlioz-Liszt), Miss Luba Pecker.

8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.05-8.40 p.m.—Orchestral and Band Selections.
Silhouettes—
(a) Introduction,
(b) La Coquette
(c) The Dreamer (Arensky),
H. G. Amers & the Eastbourne Municipal Orchestra (1949).

The Damsk Rose Selection (Chopin) themes adapted by Glusam, Court Symphony Orchestra (DX24).

Waldteufel Memories—Fantasia (Arr. Finch),
Herman Finch & His Orch. (1936).

Voyage on a Troopship (arr. Miller), The Regimental Band of His Majesty's Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. G. Miller (DX8).

8.40-9.04 p.m.—
Mon Lac (Witowski),
Played by Robert Casadesus (Piano) and the Orchestra Symphonique de Paris (1925-7).

(This Suite is by special request of a Listener.)

9.04-9.32 p.m.—Variety.

Chorus—
Put Your Loving Arms Around Me,
Sally . . . The Big Four (MR376)
Piano Solo—
Mr. Cinders—Selections,
Billy Mayerl (5338).

Orchestral—
Just a Memory,
Charmaine,
Jean Lensen & His Orchestra (4535).

Organ Solo—
The Song is Done,
Lonesome Lover,
Reginald Foort (QB548).

9.32-10.10 p.m.—Operatic.
Mignon Overture (Thames),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (1936).

Aida Selections (Verdi arr. Tavan),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (1934).

Madame Butterfly Selections (Puccini arr. Tavan),
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (1936).

10.10-10.28 p.m.—Vocal Gems from Light Opera.
Lilac Time
(Ross & Schubert arr. Glusam),
The Columbia Light Opera Co. (1930).

Merrie England (Hood & German),
Miriam Licette, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Carr & Chorus (1933).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.
All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

"Not so loud. People will hear."
"Very good, Mata," replied Adriana, "I accept your resignation."

When the dancer had rushed out, Mother Durant said in blank amazement, "And you let her resign?"
"My dear Durant," Adriana returned, "you ought to know—the only way to resign from our profession is—to die!"
Mother Durant, having lived a long while and witnessed many uncanny coincidences, said, no more, but did as she was bid.

[TO-MORROW—A Visit To A Hospital]

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Aston Villa	14	12	20
Birmingham	14	12	20
Liverpool	14	12	20
Manchester C.	14	12	20
Middlesbrough	14	12	20
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Blackburn R.	14	12	20
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Chelsea	14	12	20
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Derby C.	14	12	20
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HOME	AWAY	Goals	Pts.
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Plymouth A.	14	12	20
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Swansea C.	14	12	20
Notts County	14	12	20
Tottenham H.	14	12	20
Southampton	14	12	20
Manchester U.	14	12	20
Port Vale	14	12	20
Oldham A.	14	12	20
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Preston N.E.	14	12	20
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Third Division (South).

HOME	AWAY	Goals	Pts.
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Brentford	14	12	20
Exeter C.	14	12	20
Reading	14	12	20
Crystal Palace	14	12	20
Norwich C.	14	12	20
Brighton	14	12	20
Watford	14	12	20
Southend U.	14	12	20
Coventry C.	14	12	20
Queen's Park R.	14	12	20
Luton T.	14	12	20
Cardiff C.	14	12	20
Bournemouth	14	12	20
Bristol R.	14	12	20
Manfield T.	14	12	20
Swindon T.	14	12	20
Torquay U.	14	12	20
Norhampton T.	14	12	20
Gillingham	14	12	20
Clapton Orient	14	12	20
Thames	14	12	20

Third Division (North).

HOME	AWAY	Goals	Pts.
Lincoln City	14	12	20
Crawley A.	14	12	20
Gateshead	14	12	20
Southport	14	12	20
Chester	14	12	20
Tranmere R.	14	12	20
Darlington	14	12	20
Wrexham	14	12	20
Accrington S.	14	12	20
Barrow	14	12	20
York City	14	12	20
Hull City	14	12	20
Stockport	14	12	20
Walsall	14	12	20
Hartlepool	14	12	20
Carlisle U.	14	12	20
Halifax	14	12	20
Doncaster R.	14	12	20
Rotherham	14	12	20
New Brighton	14	12	20
Rochdale	14	12	20

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First Division.

HOME	AWAY	Goals	Pts.
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Rangers	14	12	20
St. Mirren	14	12	20
Third Lanark	14	12	20
Partick T.	14	12	20
Kilmarnock	14	12	20
Celtic	14	12	20
Aberdeen	14	12	20
Dundee	14	12	20
Cowdenbeath	14	12	20
Hearts	14	12	20
Hamilton A.	14	12	20
Clyde	14	12	20
Queen's Park	14	12	20
Airdrieonians	14	12	20
Morton	14	12	20
Ayr United	14	12	20
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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The inadequacy of the present Post Office facilities in Kowloon, was stressed at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on February 26. Criticism of Government's tardiness in carrying out necessary public work on the Peninsula was also voiced. The Chairman (Mr. F. C. Mow Fung) said that disappointment would be felt that there was not a more definite and substantial response to representations regarding the inadequacy of the Kowloon Hospital, the growing need of a new Post Office building, the more effective policing of Kowloon Tong, and the provision of fire-protection for rural districts.

A full report of the meeting is published in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation held on February 27, the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. C. S. Gordon Mackie) referred to the general world depression, and touched upon conditions all over the Far East. A detailed report of the proceedings is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

On February 27, Communists raided Breaker-Point Lighthouse, at Swatow, and carried off a European, a Russian, two Chinese women, four children, and a cook. The lighthouse is situated on a headland 30 miles south-west of Swatow. A report of the outrage is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Weather conditions, the worst experienced for many years, by racegoers, attended the closing programme of the Annual Meeting held at Happy Valley on February 27. The course was a veritable mud bath, and as was only to be expected times were not good, and the sport not exciting. In spite of these conditions, there was a good crowd present, Cash Sweep figures were substantial, and dividends were favourable.

The most exciting event of the day, was witnessed in the last race, when in the final gallop, Lobster Bay (Mr. A. A. R. Botelho up) won by a short head to the best dividend of the day, \$163.70. The meeting is fully reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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INTER-VARSITY BOXING.

London, Yesterday. Oxford University defeated Cambridge University by five bouts to two in the annual boxing encounter.—Reuter.

CIVIL SERVANTS AT HOME TO NAVY.

Friendly Cricket Encounter.

The Civil Service C.C. will be represented by the following players in a friendly match against the Navy at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon:—
B. D. Evans (Captain), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, R. H. Grimthorpe, F. J. Ling, R. M. Wood, R. A. J. Simpson, J. Barrow, J. F. McGowan and S. Randle.

L.R.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Recreation Club was held in the Helena May Institute on February 25. Mrs. K. E. Tottenham was in the chair and there were present all the members of the Committee and several other ladies.

The annual report and accounts for 1931, which were presented, stated that 69 new members had joined during the year while there had been 102 resignations, the total membership at the end of December 1931 being 304 of whom 83 were absent.

Championships.

Championships:—Ladies' Singles (Open) Holder, Miss Enid Lo. Runner-up, Miss V. L. Thomas.

Men's Singles (Club) Holder, Mr. A. D. Humphreys. Entries 9. Winner, Mr. A. D. Humphreys. Runner-up, Mr. D. J. Mackie.

Mixed Doubles (Semi-open) Holders, Mrs. Kearny and Mr. H. J. Armstrong. Entries 7. Winners, Mrs. Kearny and Mr. H. J. Armstrong. Runners-up, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mackie.

Club Upkeep:—During the year Courts No. 1 and No. 5 were entirely re-surfaced. The small Grass Court was converted into a hard one, the turf being transferred to the large Grass Court. Sundry screens were purchased and the wire-netting around the Courts was extensively renewed.

Hon. Treasurer's Report:—From the audited accounts submitted, it will be noted that income for 1931 \$6,291.84, slightly exceeded 1930 by \$28.36, whilst a detailed examination of normal expenditure reveals a saving of \$242.05 on 1930. As anticipated last year, your Committee were again faced with the problem of extensively renewing the tennis courts. In 1930, repairs and maintenance, principally on courts cost \$2,556.05, but this year it became imperative to spend even more, \$3,820.95. Consequently the financial result, as disclosed by the Account, was a loss of \$1,193.06, compared with a loss in 1930 of \$198.57. Moreover, accumulated surpluses from past years \$805.59, were not sufficient to meet this charge, so that the Club's commitments on December 31, 1931, exceeded their assets by \$387.47. Realising that such a situation would develop, your Committee had to give notice last year that subscriptions were to be raised for 1932. It is hoped that commencing with 1932, sufficient income will be available for the annual provision of a fund to meet heavy repair bills whenever they are incurred.

The Report.

In presenting the report, the Chairman said:—"In spite of the deficit of \$1,193.06 shown on the year's working your Committee feel that the Club is now in a better condition than it has been for some time. Courts 1, 4 and 5 are in good order and court 6, which has been

entirely relaid, is just completed, leaving only courts 2 and 3 to be re-surfaced, and this we hope to do as soon as funds permit. Courts 1 and 6 being new, they cannot be painted for a few months, but we hope to have them done before the Summer is over."

"You will notice in the Accounts that Creditors are due \$1,350.69. This sum is part of the payment due to the contractor for courts 1 and 6 and I am pleased to tell you that it has already been paid off."

Mrs. Hancock then proposed that the report and accounts as printed be adopted. This was seconded by Mrs. Kelvin Stark and passed unanimously.

Absent Members' Fees.

The Chairman stated that considerable difficulty was sometimes experienced owing to members leaving the Colony without applying for absent membership or even stating for how long they were going or if they intended to return. The Committee proposed in future to apply strictly the terms of Rule 8 which would result in any member who, owing to absence, does not pay his or her subscription when due, being removed from the membership roll, unless written intimation of absence had previously been sent to the Secretary. In this connection they felt that with the increasing cost of running the Club it was not reasonable that absent members should escape scot-free, as they did at present, and she therefore proposed the following addition to Rule 8:—

"Members absent for a full half year (i.e. Jan./June or July/Dec.) shall, upon their return, pay a subscription of \$1.00 per head for each such half-year. This fee may be compounded for an unlimited number of years (not necessarily consecutive) by the payment, before leaving, of \$5.00 for an individual member or \$7.50 for a married couple."

This proposal was seconded by Mrs. Mathieson and, being put to the meeting, was carried.

Mrs. Hancock then proposed that the age limit at which girls might join the Club—at present fixed by Rule 4 at 16 years—might with advantage be reduced to 15 years. This alteration was seconded by Mrs. Tottenham and passed unanimously.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

FINCHER & GOLDMAN GIVE NOTHING AWAY.

Japanese Pair Defeat Recreio's Best.

ALL STRAIGHT SETS.

The following were the results of yesterday's play in the lawn tennis championships:—

Open Doubles.

Fincher and Goldman beat Hill and McBride 6-0, 6-0.
Hachiuma and Kinoshita beat Nash and Harkins 6-2, 6-3.
Barros and Remedios beat Henderson and Monaghan 6-2, 6-2.
Silva and Sousa beat White and Burnett 6-4, 6-3.
Honda and Akiyama beat Gosano and Barretto 6-3, 6-5.
Club Championships.
A. L. Sullivan beat J. G. Lecky 6-4, 6-1.

C.B.A. TEAM FOR TO-DAY'S HOCKEY MATCH.

Mamak Shield.

A Mamak hockey Tournament match will be played between the Central British Association and the Police at King's Park this afternoon, commencing at 5.20 p.m. sharp.

The C.B.A. will be represented by the following:—
G. Duncan; C. L. Gregory, L. W. Tippet; N. Whitley, D. Davies, S. MacNider; J. J. King, T. S. Whitley, C. C. Francis (Captain) W. G. Johnson and J. P. White. Reserves:—A. Philippen, M. Well.

In a friendly hockey match played on the home ground, at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Y.M.C.A. drew with the St. Andrew's Club, both sides scoring three goals.

Scout Team.

The following will represent the St. Andrew's Scout Troop in a hockey match against the St. Andrew's Club Ladies on the Diocesan Girls' School ground, on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

A.S.M. Mr. R. Wong; P. L. Wong, Second P. L. Bond; Second P. L. Gascoigne, S.M. Mr. R. Dormer, Second P. L. Mackay; Scout J. Winyard, Scout Wing, P. L. Woolley, P. L. MacNider and Scout Dec. Reserves:—Scout Arnold, Second P. L. Sanh and Scout F. Winyard.

PROFESSIONALISM IN FRANCE.

Soccer Clubs to Have Championship.

At a long meeting of the French National Football Association the organisations of a championship confined to professional clubs was approved by a substantial majority.

This means that professionalism is authorised in France in respect of Association football.

The decision has caused no surprise, as there has long been a demand for the "disguised" professionalism to be recognised officially.

The clubs will be run on lines similar to those in the English League, and they, with amateur clubs, will also take part in a French Cup contest.

Professional football in France has long been regarded as inevitable, and the English system has been strongly put forward as the ideal model on which France could build up a league of professional teams.

Lately there has been some talk of persuading some of the best-class English professionals to go to France in order to play for French teams, and it is possible, in view of the National Football Association's step, that more will be heard of this idea.

There being no further business, the meeting then terminated.

At a subsequent Committee meeting officers for 1932 were elected as follows:—

President, Mrs. R. E. Tottenham. Hon. Secretary, Mrs. N. Mathieson. Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Kelvin Stark.

SUNDAY HERALD CUP FINAL TO-MORROW.

Mrs. Wodehouse to Present the Trophy.

The following have been selected to represent Scotland against Portugal in the Final Round of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup on the Hong Kong Football Club ground to-morrow at 4 p.m.:—

Rodger; Blackburn, Dixon; McGlathan, McKelvie (captain), A. Duncan; Bell, Hill, Fraser, Shepherd and Christie.

Reserves: Henderson, Loudon, and G. Duncan.

Referee: Mr. Baldwin. Linesmen: Messrs. Lawrence and Mose. At the conclusion of the game Mrs. P. P. J. Wodehouse has kindly consented to present the Cup to the winners.

Our Sports Diary.

To-day.
GOLF—Fourth Round of Ladies' Championship.
HOCKEY—Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" v. R.A.O.C., King's Park, 5.15 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—Kowloon Bowling Green Club Meeting, 5.45 p.m. To-morrow.

ATHLETICS—Hong Kong University Sports, Pokfulam, 1.30 p.m.

CRICKET—First Division: University v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (F.); Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Navy (F.); Second Division—Hong Kong C.C. v. University (L.); Royal Engineers and Signals v. Craigengower C.C. (F.); Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C. (F.).

FOOTBALL—Sunday Herald Charity Cup—Scotland v. Portugal, Club ground.

RACING—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

HUNTING—Fanning Hunt Hounds Point-to-Point.

LAWN TENNIS.

This Week's Programme in Championship.

TO-DAY.

Open Doubles.
Hamby and Collins v. Evans and Divett.
Hancock and Redmond v. Chiu and Hung.
Lo and Lo v. Chew and Lee.
Club Championships.
D. D. McKay v. A. H. Harkins.
R. M. Henderson v. L. T. Ride.
D. S. Green v. H. Owen Hughes.
L. Goldman v. C. F. Hyde.
D. J. Valentine v. T. C. Monaghan.
P. R. S. Walsham v. R. M. Wood.

MONEY LEFT.

Four Local Estates Total \$97,300.

C. A. PENNINGTON.

Charles Augustus Pennington, formerly of 31, Pembroke Villas, Bayswater, Middlesex, who died at Heigham Hall, Norwich, Norfolk, on June 30, 1931, left local estate valued at \$52,900 with net personally at Home amounting to \$8,294.4.10.

The Supreme Court has granted certified copy of letters of administration, with the will annexed, to Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, attorney for one of the testator's brothers.

F. T. LEE.

Estate in the Colony sworn at \$10,300 has been left by Frederick Thomas Lee, alias Li Fuk-tau, alias Li Sum-tin, interpreter, who died at 294, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, on January 10, 1932.

Probate of his will has been granted to the widow, Li Lok-shi, alias Li Sui-chan, of the same address.

HARRY KONG KEE.

Letters of administration in respect of the local estate of Kong Kee, alias Harry M. Kong Kee, who died intestate at City of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, on or about April 16, 1931, has been granted by the Supreme Court to Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, solicitor, attorney for the executors. The value of the local estate is \$24,800.

CHAU MAN-CHING.

Chau Nai-sum, clerk, of 23, Lyndhurst Terrace, has been granted probate of the will of Chau Man-ching, alias Chau Hung-kwong, alias Chau Lai-tong, who died at the above address, on October 23, 1931, leaving estate in Hong Kong valued at \$9,700.

IRAQ IN THE LEAGUE.

Happy End to Long Negotiations.

AN EMANCIPATION.

[By James One.]

The decision taken by the sixty-sixth session of the Council of the League of Nations to admit Iraq to membership of the League of Nations marks the end of long and complicated negotiations.

Iraq has stood from the first on a different footing from the "B" and "C" mandated areas in the more backward regions of Africa and Australasia in that it was always foreseen that she would be able to stand on her own feet after a short transitory period of tutelage.

This tutelage has now been exercised for twelve years by the British Government. It has not, of course, been without its difficulties, but it is only necessary to compare the course of the past twelve years in Iraq with the long delays and consequent resentments involved in the pre-War Protectorates, occupations, and other forms of control of backward races, to realise what an improvement the mandate system instituted under Article XXII of the Covenant actually constitutes.

The British officials have worked throughout with a view to making Iraq ripe for self-government at the earliest possible moment, instead, as is the habit of ruling races, of keeping the subject population in as backward a condition, at least politically, as could be achieved. It is the British Government representative who is recommending Iraq now for League membership and defending her fitness for this purpose before the scrutiny of the other members of the League.

Capable Administration.

The Permanent Mandates Commission examined the British High Commissioner on the question at its last session and has now submitted a special report to the Council. The Mandates Commission finds that Iraq has a settled government and an administration capable of

maintaining essential government services. It is not able as yet to defend itself against foreign aggression, but this defect will be rectified by the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of Alliance of June, 1930, under which Britain and Iraq are bound to help each other in case of war. The Army and Police should be able to maintain order in the country.

The present financial position is sound and the latent resources of Iraq are considerable. The laws and judicial organisation, subject to certain readjustments and im-

provements, should afford justice to all. As to guarantees; the protection of racial, linguistic and religious minorities should be ensured by a declaration under guarantee of the Council, forming obligations of international concern with a procedure of petition to the Council and appeal on legal disputes to the Permanent Court.

Foreigners' Interests.

The interests of foreigners should be safeguarded by a pledge to fulfil the judicial agreement now existing; or, if the capitulations are revived, they should apply to all foreigners. Iraq should undertake to guarantee freedom of conscience and worship. It should assume the financial obligations incurred in the present regime, and maintain international agreements now signed. It should grant most-favoured-nation treatment to all League States for a transitional period, on terms of reciprocity.

The Treaty of Alliance with Britain of June, 1930, although it contains some unusual provisions, does not explicitly impinge the independence of the new State.

BOY WHO KNEW.

Knowledge of the different types of motor cars and how to distinguish them does not appear on the school curriculum, but if it did there is at least one little lad who would gain top honours.

He was a witness in the Glasgow Sheriff Court, and gave his age as six years. He looked a smart boy, and, describing an incident on the South of the city, he said—"I saw an Austin coming up one road and a motor van coming along another road. Then they collided."

Fiscal—Were you struck by the small car? Boy (emphatically)—I was knocked down by the Austin.

"DOWN & OUTS" OWN COFFEE HOUSE.

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BECKENHAM BOYS GIVE A FEAST.

There was opened recently at 59, Belvedere Road, Lambeth, a canteen where the "down and outs" of London will receive food at cost price.

There are many societies which seek to make less hard the lot of these unfortunate people by distributing among them food tickets, which are honoured by coffee stalls. But the coffee stall is not a philanthropic institution. It has to make a profit, and by that amount the all too scanty meal is reduced.

So to a man and his wife who have interested themselves in the misfortunes of those who have dropped out in life's keen race the idea occurred of taking a house in some central area where meals could be provided at the actual cost of the food. Here, within a few yards of the steps leading to the southern approach to Charing-cross footbridge a canteen will be run under the guidance of a resident superintendent, meals being given in return for tickets of recognised societies.

For some time the Scouts and Rovers of Beckenham have taken an interest in the homeless people who nightly seek shelter in the crypt of St. Martin's Church, Trafalgar-square, and have provided concerts. Recently they extended their kindness by giving meals to 150 of these people. In three relays the destitute men were brought to the house in Belvedere Road and given sandwiches, cake, and tea or coffee. A concert by the Beckenham Rovers followed.

On leaving each man was given a ticket with an invitation to come back for breakfast. It was a meal such as few of them had enjoyed for many a long day—two sausages, bacon and an egg, with tea or coffee, and bread and butter. As each of the guests left he was given cigarettes or tobacco and a packet containing a midday meal.

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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Friday, Mar. 4, 1932.

An Evil Intention.

Commenting on the recent de-
plorable disaster to the British
submarine M2, so soon following
the loss of the Poseidon, a Home
paper remarked in last week that
"the whole country has had borne
in upon it again the special dan-
ger of the submarine to its own
crew, and has wondered again
whether nothing can be done to
get rid of this evil intention." An
evil intention is a phrase that
neatly describes the submarine.
Though there has always been and
doubtless will be as long as neces-
sary an ample number of brave
men in the British Navy to risk
its perils cheerfully, the fact re-
mains that Great Britain would
be glad to see the thing abolished.Unfortunately, the very thing
that to us most clearly demon-
strates its evil is the thing which
is its greatest recommendation in
the eyes of other nations. That
is not, as is sometimes pretended,
its cheapness as a defensive
weapon. A weapon is not cheap
if it is not efficient, and against
warships it is fairly certain that
the submarine is not regarded as
of great importance. Moreover,
anti-submarine measures are now
developed to a high pitch of ef-
ficiency. Few, probably, would ex-
pect to hear much about sub-
marines in a fleet action. As for
another stale excuse—that sub-
marines would enable a weak
country to defeat a blockade—most
naval experts of to-day find it
difficult to believe that there will
ever again be a blockade in the
old sense. In any case, if the ex-
cuse about defeating blockade
were genuine, it would probably
not be difficult to concentrate upon
a type of submarine that would
operate quite efficiently in coastal
waters against any enemy trying
to maintain a watch there. But
that is not what is wanted by the
real enthusiasts of the submarine
in certain European countries.Their aim is, inevitably—as was
the German—attacks on merchant
ships. It can be nothing else, be-
cause the merchant ship is the
only kind of craft that really
offers it a prey. In spite of ex-
periments in "submarine cruisers,"which means only going farther out
to sea to look for merchant ships,
the fact remains that the sub-
marine as a fighting ship must al-
ways have definite inferiorities as
compared with surface craft. The
submarine cannot afford to seek
out surface fighting craft for at-
tack; such ships of equal or
superior size are far too danger-
ous for it, and, as for smaller
craft, it would be risking its own
very expensive self for a quite in-
adequate prize.There can be no disguising the
fact that the submarine exists and
must always exist mainly for pre-
ying upon merchant shipping.
That is the chief of many good
reasons from the British point of
view why the submarine should be
abolished. Unhappily it will be
quite a long time before certain
other Powers, wedded firmly to
submarine programmes and re-
placements, will be converted to
Great Britain's view of this evil
intention—the submarine.

News in Brief.

Yesterday the lowest open air
temperature was 58 degrees. The
humidity dropped from 68 at 10
a.m. to 56 at 4 p.m.An armed robbery occurred in
Yaumati on Wednesday afternoon,
when four men stole jewellery and
money to the value of \$127.70.The religious belief of the Bantus
was the subject of a lecture deliv-
ered by Mr. M. Manuk at the weekly
meeting of the Theosophical So-
ciety last evening.A lecture on "The Aim of Educa-
tion" was delivered by Dr. William
P. Merrill, the Minister of Brick
Church New York City, at the
University Union Assembly Room
yesterday evening, under the
auspices of the Hong Kong Uni-
versity Christian Association.An organ recital and concert of
sacred music was given in the
Kowloon Union Church last night
in aid of the Church funds. A
large audience was present and
the music rendered was greatly ap-
preciated. The artists included
Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L.,
Mrs. N. Mathieson, Mrs. J. J.
Cornellius, Mrs. R. Grandwater,
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Leib, Mrs.
Dick, Mr. F. J. Ferguson and the
Choir.

Personal Pars.

Mr. Francisco de la Cruz, Inspec-
tor for the United States Public
Health Service, Hong Kong, return-
ed from a vacation in the Philip-
pines by the s.s. President Taft.Dr. Norman L. Downs, dental sur-
geon, Shanghai, is on a short visit
to Hong Kong.Fraulein Marga von Etdorf, the
German aviatrix, who left Hong
Kong on Monday, is reported to have
arrived safely at Munich on Wednes-
day.Mr. Robert H. Scanlon, a Director
of the Powell River Company, of
British Columbia, is in Hong Kong
on business, accompanied by his
wife.Mr. Walter L. Marshall, Assistant
General Manager, Standard Oil
Company of New York, returned
from a combined business and
pleasure trip to Manila by the s.s.
President Taft.

CONTE ROSSO.

L. Triestino's Addition
to Far Eastern Service.

FIRST VISIT HERE.

Making her first voyage to the
Far East, the Lloyd Triestino's
magnificent 17,046-ton liner Conte
Rosso arrived in harbour this morn-
ing, having been transferred from
the Company's South American run
as part of the scheme of improve-
ment and reorganisation of the ser-
vice to the Far East.With the advent of the Conte
Rosso, the Lloyd Triestino have now
three ships on the Far Eastern run,
the other two being the Gange and
the Pilena. The addition of the
Conte Rosso makes it possible for
passengers to make the trip to Lon-
don in 22 days.The Conte Rosso sailed for
Shanghai at noon and on her home-
ward voyage will again touch at
Hong Kong and then call at Singa-
pore, Colombo, Bombay, Suez, Port
Said, Brindisi, Venice, and Trieste.
Here the arrival of the ship is so
timed that ample time is afforded
passengers to catch the 12.30 p.m.
train for London and arrive there
the following morning.The ship, which is equipped with
the comfort and safety of passen-
gers as the foremost consideration,
has first-class accommodation for
295, while 184 persons can be
comfortably accommodated in the
second class, and 188 in what
is known as the economical
second class. She has a length of
670 feet; breadth 74 feet; and depth
36 feet, and is capable of a speed of
over 20 knots.

SIR ERIC DRUMMOND.

Return To Diplomacy?

In League circles it is expected
that Sir Eric Drummond's resigna-
tion will not take effect until March,
1933. This would enable him to
complete his work as Secretary-
General of the Disarmament Con-
ference. If his resignation be-
comes a fact it is not unlikely that
Sir Eric, who was formerly a mem-
ber of the British diplomatic ser-
vice, will be offered an appointment
of ambassadorial rank, when cer-
tain vacancies occur a year or two
hence, writes the Diplomatic Cor-
respondent of the Daily Telegraph.It is rumoured that his inclina-
tion to retire from Geneva has
lately been strengthened by cer-
tain circumstances connected with
the League's handling of the Man-
churian question. However this
may be, there would be a keen
rivalry for his succession, both
among individuals and among
countries.

FIRST SPEECH OF DISRAELI.

When He Lost An Election By
20 Votes To 12.The centenary of the first polit-
ical speech of Benjamin Disraeli
will be celebrated on June 18.
When 28 the future Prime
Minister stood on the portico of
the Red Lion Hotel at High
Wycombe, Bucks, and offered him-
self as a Radical candidate for
one of the two seats of the
borough.Pointing to the lion's tail, he
said: "When the poll is declared
my opponent will be there." Then,
extending a finger towards
his head, he added: "And I shall
be here!"Disraeli was wrong. When the
poll was declared he found that
Colonel Grey, son of the Prime
Minister, had defeated him by 20
votes to 12. It was not long after-
wards that he came forward as a
"tory."The secretary of the Primrose
League said that "very prob-
ably a ceremony would be arrang-
ed to commemorate the centenaryH.K. BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Need For Help.

I have put the case for the
Society once again before the
public of Hong Kong in a very dry
and uninspired manner, I fear.
The cases quoted in the report tell
far more eloquently the need for
help, the tragic stories that are
brought to light. I would, how-
ever, reverting to the dry-as-dust
side point out that (although
mathematics are unfortunately not
my strong point) I have worked out
the fact that at a cost of roughly
three cents a day, or twelve dollars
a year—a large proportion of the
cases which come to you for help
and sitting are dealt with reason-
ably, benevolently and practically.
Your cast-off clothing goes to those
who need it sorely, twenty-five
children are being educated to be
useful citizens, whereas otherwise
they might join the ranks of the
unemployables."Kindliness Between Man
and Man."But that side of the case is not
the only one that will appeal to the
public of Hong Kong. It is a very
generous warm-hearted public to
which sorrow and suffering never
appeal in vain. Dr. Maude Royden
says that if you give your money
as an outward and visible sign of
your love and pity for suffering
humanity it becomes sacramental.
And the Prince of Wales speaking
to ten thousand boys and girls at
the Albert Hall on the need for
united effort in the world crisis
said:—"Social service does not only
mean State action such as
education, public health insur-
ance, old age pensions and the
voluntary work done in count-
less good causes throughoutthe country. Let us think of
K rather as kindness between
man and man," said the Prince,
"his mutual understanding, as
all those acts of unselfish de-
votion that can be done and
indeed are done every day by
thousands of people without
one thought of material gain or
personal advancement.""Beef and Mustard" Wanted.
Times are bad, but for all that
we hope that no one will economise
by withdrawing support from the
Benevolent Society. On the con-
trary we hope that the knowledge
of the greater needs of many will
result in greater support. Someone
wisely said that it is a far happier
thing to be appealed to than ap-
pealed for. Sympathy is needed
but it must be backed by means.Pity without relief
Is like mustard without beef.
We shall need quite a quantity
of beef for next year's activities
and in appealing to generous Hong
Kong we hope to acquire a well-
stocked larder.I must not trespass further on
the patience of this gathering. I
only wish to express my regret at
the approaching departure of Mrs.
Goldsmith, who has done such
valuable work for the Society.
Mrs. Goldsmith will be greatly mis-
sued in this Society and in many
other ways in the Colony. Mrs.
Dodwell is going on leave; after a
very successful term as President
—I know that Mrs. Dodwell has
been untiring in her work for the
Society. I congratulate the Presi-
dent and Committee and their able
and untiring Honorary Secretary,
Mrs. McCormack, on their excellent
report, and I wish the Society a
continuance of its incalculably
good work.EARL TO LEAVE
HIS HOME.Knebworth to Be Open
to Public.The Earl and Countess of Lytton
are to vacate Knebworth House,
Hertfordshire, and live in a small
manor house a few miles from
their home, which has been the
abode of the Lytton family for hun-
dreds of years."Pressure of taxation, and ex-
penditure, and the difficulty of living
nowadays," were cited by the Earl
to a representative of the Daily
Telegraph as the reasons for this
step. "The Countess and I,"
he said, "have decided that we can-
not afford to maintain Knebworth—
that is all.""It costs a small fortune to run,
but we have no alternative. We
are going to reside in the manor
house near at hand instead. It is
a great grief to Lady Lytton and
myself, but what are we to do?""We have decided not to let
Knebworth, as we did years ago to
the late Lord Strathcona, but to
throw the house and gardens open
to the public. From Easter Monday
onwards it will be available for
eighteen pence, at a small cost. (This
is to be a shilling each.)

Upkeep of the Gardens.

Asked whether the amount thus
collected would be in any way equal
to the maintenance charges, the
Earl replied, "No, but it will be
some alleviation. The insurance
burdens alone are considerable, be-
cause of the number of family and
historic treasures the house con-
tains. The principal sitting-rooms
and the gardens will be made avail-
able, and I propose to retain a staff
of gardeners to keep the gardens
in order."HOW MR. CHURCHILL LOST HIS
PYJAMAS.Mr. Winston Churchill is the
hero of an amusing story told by
a Canadian airman.The pilot was flying Mr. Church-
ill, then Chancellor of the
Exchequer, from London to Gen-
eva, for a session of the League
of Nations. He was also entrus-
ted with a despatch case, contain-
ing papers which was to be drop-
ped on a certain French aero-
plane and thence taken to Paris.
Mr. Churchill carried his personalbelongings in a small bag rather
like the dispatch case.When they were flying over the
aerodrome, Mr. Churchill saw, too
late to prevent it, his own bag
being thrown over the side.The pilot, realising his mistake,
immediately landed and went to
the French officers' mess to seek
the bag. He found the officers
grouped round the open bag,
examining with great glee a suit
of pyjamas made of delicate pink
silk.—Reuter.

EX-CONVICT IN CHARGE.

Appointed Governor of Prison
Where He Served Sentence.An ex-convict who served three
years in the Eastern Penitentiary
at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on a
second-degree murder charge has
been appointed warden (governor)
of the prison.Henry G. Brock, the new
warden, was sentenced in 1923 to
a term of from three to ten years
after being convicted of running
down and killing three persons
while driving when intoxicated.
He was pardoned in 1926.While in prison he took an in-
terest in welfare work and assist-
ed in the establishment of prison
stores. Since his release he has
continued his welfare work and
became a member of the Board of
Inspectors for Philadelphia County
Prisons.—British United Press.Women are more cunning than
men. They study cause and
effect.—Peter B. Kyne, author.

Correspondence.

THE "CHEERO" CLUB AND THE
CITY HALL.[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
Sir,—With reference to Mr.
Cassidy's speech at the recent meet-
ing of the Cheero Club, I desire to
state in fairness to the Government
that it was the City Hall Com-
mittee, consisting of a half dozen
private individuals, and not the
Government, which would not take
the responsibility for that Club re-
maining in the City Hall, in con-
sequence of certain warnings of
risks received from the Govern-
ment Fire Authority.Yours, etc.,
J. J. PATTERSON.
Hong Kong, March 4.

FLOWER SHOW

EXHIBITS OF A HIGH ORDER.

List of Prize Winners.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Peel, and Mr. G. W. Tuffon, Private Secretary, was among the large gathering which visited the Flower Show of the Horticultural Society on the grounds of the Volunteer Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

The exhibits, both flowers, cut and in pot, and vegetables were of a high order, and the general opinion of visitors was that the show was one of the most successful held by the Society.

The prizes were distributed by Lady Peel.

H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, President of the Society, paid tribute to the work of the Judges and to the spare work done by Mr. J. T. Bagram, the Hon. Secretary.

Speaking about the show, the G.O.C. said: "I consider that the exhibits reflect great credit on all concerned."

Thanks were expressed to the donors of prizes, and to Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, for the use of the Volunteer grounds and drill hall.

The Band of the South Wales Borderers was in attendance during the show.

SECTION 1.

Plants in Pots—Open to All Except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

1.—3 pots of Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens)—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart; 2, Major General Sandilands.
2.—3 pots of Nasturtium (Tall varieties)—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart; 2, Major General Sandilands.
3.—3 pots of Salvia—1, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Major General Sandilands.

4.—6 pots of Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtium)—1, Mrs. Ho Fook.
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6.—3 pots of Arums—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart.
7.—3 pots of Antirrhinum—1, Lady Peel; 2, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong.
8.—3 pots of Begonia—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. J. H. Taggart.

9.—3 pots of Geranium—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Ho Fook.
10.—3 pots of Dahlia—1, Mrs. L. Dunbar; 2, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong.
11.—3 pots of Heliotrope—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Lady Peel.
12.—3 pots of Petunia—1, Mrs. Ho Fook.

13.—3 pots of Verbena—1, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mrs. Ho Fook.
14.—3 pots of Linaria (Tall varieties)—1, Miss M. Loureiro.
15.—3 pots of Cineraria—Mrs. Ho Fook (highly commended).

16.—3 pots of Delphinium—1, Mrs. L. Dunbar; 2, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong.
17.—3 pots of Freesia—1, Mrs. L. Dunbar; 2, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong.
18.—3 pots of Phlox Drummondii—1, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mrs. M. Ellis.

19.—3 pots of Ixora—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart.
20.—3 pots of Dianthus (including Hybrids but excluding Carnation, Plectra and Sweet William)—1, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong.
21.—3 pots of Carnations and/or Plectra—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. L. Dunbar.

22.—3 pots of Maiden Hair Ferns—1, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Lady Ho Tung.
23.—3 pots of Ferns, excluding Maiden Hair and Asparagus Ferns—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart.
24.—3 pots of Asparagus Plumosus or Sprengeri—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart.

25.—3 pots of Mignonette—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong (highly commended).
26.—3 pots of French Marigolds—1, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mrs. Ho Fook.
27.—3 pots of Larkspur—1, Mrs. M. Ellis; 2, Lady Ho Tung.

28.—3 pots of Nasturtium (dwarf varieties)—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong (highly commended).
29.—3 pots of Pansies and/or Violas—1, Mrs. L. Dunbar; 2, Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson.
30.—3 pots of Violas—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart; 2, U.S.I.C.

31.—3 pots of Stock—1, Major General Sandilands; 2, Mrs. Ho Fook.
32.—3 pots of Primula—1, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mrs. M. Ellis.
33.—3 pots of Annuals, Perennials and/or any plants, excluding palms—1, Lady Peel; 2, Mrs. M. Ellis.

SECTION 2.

Plants in Pots—Peak Gardens Only.
34.—3 pots of Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens)—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Peak Club; Mr. S. J. Walsh (highly commended).

35.—3 pots of Nasturtium (Tall varieties)—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
36.—3 pots of Salvia—1, Mr. J. D. Butcher; 2, Mr. T. Bagram.

37.—3 pots of Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtium)—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Miss P. Scott Harston; 3, Mr. R. M. Dyer (highly commended).

38.—3 pots of Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season and not included in Classes 34 to 36 or 37 to 65—1, Mr. H. E. Goldsmith; 2, L. S. Greenhill; Mr. W. H. Bell (highly commended).

39.—3 pots of Arums—1, Mr. W. H. Bell; 2, Mr. A. Cameron.
40.—3 pots of Antirrhinum—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
41.—3 pots of Begonia—1, Mr. L. J. Davies; 2, Mr. W. H. Bell; Mr. J. A. Plummer (highly commended).

42.—3 pots of Dahlia—1, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
43.—3 pots of Heliotrope—1, Mr. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall.
44.—3 pots of Geranium—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. J. T. Bagram.
45.—3 pots of Cineraria—1, Mrs. E. F. Annett.

46.—3 pots of Petunia—1, Miss P. Scott Harston; 2, Mrs. P. Lauder.
47.—3 pots of Linaria (Tall varieties)—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Miss P. Scott Harston; Mr. R. M. Dyer (highly commended).

48.—3 pots of Roses—1, Mr. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall.
49.—3 pots of Verbena—1, Mr. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall.
50.—3 pots of Delphinium—1, Miss P. Scott Harston; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer; 3, Mrs. W. H. Bell (highly commended).

51.—3 pots of Dianthus (including Hybrids but excluding Carnation, Plectra and Sweet William)—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Peak Club.
52.—3 pots of Carnations and/or Plectra—1, Mr. A. Cameron; Mrs. F. C. Hall (highly commended).

53.—3 pots of Maiden Hair Ferns—1, Mrs. P. Lauder; 2, Sir Robert Ho Tung.
54.—3 pots of Ferns (excluding Maiden Hair and Asparagus Ferns)—1, Mrs. P. Lauder; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 3, Mrs. P. Lauder.

55.—3 pots of Asparagus Plumosus or Sprengeri—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart; 2, Mrs. P. Lauder.
56.—3 pots of Mignonette—1, Miss P. Scott Harston; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 3, Mrs. P. Lauder.

57.—3 pots of French Marigolds—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Miss P. Scott Harston.
58.—3 pots of Larkspur—1, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
59.—3 pots of Pansies and/or Violas—1, Mrs. P. Lauder; 2, Mr. W. H. Bell; 3, Sir Robert Ho Tung (highly commended).

60.—3 pots of Violas—1, Mr. A. Cameron; 2, Mr. W. H. Bell.
61.—3 pots of Stock—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2, Mr. L. S. Greenhill; Mr. R. M. Dyer (highly commended).

SECTION 4.

Vegetables, etc.—Peak Gardens Only.

62.—Collection of Vegetables of 6 or more varieties, and not more than 4 each of Cabbages, Savoy Cabbages, Cauliflowers, Heads of Celery, 6 each of Lettuce (Cabbage), Lettuce (Cos), Endive, Kohl Rabi, Turnips, Parsnips, Carrots, Leeks, Beets, 25 each of Brussels Sprouts, Radishes, pods of Peas, pods of French Beans, 12 each of Onions, Tomatoes, or 2 Vegetable Marrows. Staged in a box not larger than 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 3 inches deep—1, Mr. L. J. Davies; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer.

63.—4 Cabbages—1, Mr. S. J. Walsh; 2, Mr. A. Cameron; Mrs. S. T. Williamson (highly commended).
64.—25 Savoy Cabbages—1, Dr. J. H. Montgomery; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
65.—25 Cauliflowers or Broccoli—1, Mr. S. J. Walsh; 2, Mr. L. J. Davies.

66.—25 Brussels Sprouts—1, Mr. L. J. Davies; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall.
67.—6 Kohl Rabi—1, Mr. L. Yates; 2, Mr. S. J. Walsh.
68.—6 Turnips—1, Mr. S. J. Walsh; 2, Mr. A. Cameron.

69.—6 Carrots—1, Mr. L. Yates; 2, Mr. S. J. Walsh.
70.—6 Parsnips—1, Mr. L. Yates; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
71.—12 Onions—1, Mr. S. J. Walsh; 2, Mr. L. J. Davies.

72.—6 Leeks—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
73.—12 Potatoes—1, Mr. R. M. Dyer; 2, Mr. J. A. Plummer.
74.—25 Radishes—1, Mr. L. J. Davies.

75.—6 Beets—1, Mrs. S. T. Williamson; 2, Dr. J. H. Montgomery.
76.—4 Heads of Celery—1, Mr. W. H. Bell; 2, Mr. A. Cameron.
77.—12 Tomatoes—1, Mr. L. J. Davies; 2, Mr. W. H. Bell.

78.—15 bunches of Peas—1, Miss P. Scott Harston; 2, Mr. L. J. Davies.
79.—25 pods of French Beans—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung.
80.—2 Vegetable Marrows—1, Mr. W. H. Bell; 2, Miss P. Scott Harston.

SECTION 5.

Cut Flowers, Open to All Except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

81.—6 bunches of Cut Flowers of 6 distinct kinds (excluding Roses). Flowers not to be mixed, foliage other than that belonging to the flowers—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2, Miss P. Scott Harston.

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*127.—3 Red or Pink Roses, shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2, Mr. J. D. Butcher.

*128.—3 White or Yellow Roses, shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2, Mr. J. D. Butcher.

*129.—3 Roses any colour shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2, Mr. J. D. Butcher.

*130.—6 Carnations and/or Plectra, shown in vases supplied by the Society—1, Mr. J. T. Bagram; 2, Mrs. F. C. Hall.

*131.—6 Cactus Dahlias only shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Mrs. F. C. Hall.

*132.—6 Dahlias other than Cactus, shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. P. Lauder.

*133.—6 bunches of Mignonette (containing 6 heads in each bunch), shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Mr. W. H. Bell; 2, Peak Club.

*134.—6 bunches of Nasturtium (containing 4 distinct colours, and not more than 15 blooms in each bunch), shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Mrs. P. Lauder; 2, Mr. L. J. Davies; 3, Miss P. Scott Harston (highly commended).

*135.—12 Pansies, shown in stands supplied by the Society—1, Mr. J. T. Bagram; 2, Mr. L. Yates.

*136.—6 bunches of Violets (containing 25 in each bunch), shown in stands supplied by the Society. No artificial supports permitted—1, Mr. W. H. Bell.

*137.—6 Cut Roses in Society's stands—1, Mrs. R. E. Hoare.

*138.—1 vase of Cut Flowers (to be judged for decorative effect)—1, Miss M. Loureiro; 2, Mrs. R. E. Hoare; 3, Miss P. Scott Harston (highly commended).

*139.—Basket of Cut Flowers for children between the ages of 11 and 15 set up by the exhibitor without aid—1, Mrs. R. E. Hoare.

*140.—Basket of Cut Flowers for children aged 10 years and under, set up by the exhibitor without aid—1, Miss A. H. Ross; 2, Miss Hazel Lauder.

*141.—Table Decoration. To be shown on tables supplied by the Society, 7 feet by 4 feet—1, Mrs. P. Lauder; 2, Mrs. C. B. Brown. Points 24.

*142.—Group of Bulbs (excluding Narcissus tazetta) to cover a space not more than 3 feet by 3 feet—1, Mr. J. T. Bagram.

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*144.—6 pots of Annuals or Plants grown from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtium)—Mrs. Ho Kom-tong and Mr. W. H. Bell (highly commended).

*145.—3 pots of Flowering Plants of the same kind of variety grown from seed, new to the Colony and/or not included in the Society's list of flowering plants as specified on Page 30—Mr. W. H. Bell (highly commended).

CHALLENGE CUPS.

The Challenge Cups were awarded as follows:

Pot Plants, Open. Major General Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Stocks).

Pot Plants, Peak. Mrs. F. C. Hall (Marguerites).

Vegetables, Open. Mr. J. W. Franks (Tomatoes).

Vegetables, Peak. Miss Pamela Scott-Harston (Peas).

Cut Flowers, Open. Mrs. R. M. Dyer (Carnations).

Cut Flowers, Peak. Mr. J. T. Bagram (Pansies).

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

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RATES FIRM.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The better news from the North, indicating that all danger to the International Settlement is now past, has undoubtedly given a strong fillip to the local market, and this morning rates were still firm, with buyers predominating—

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Electrics, \$74.<

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C L
1146 — 1—1 case Hydraulic and Stem Patent Packing.
P — 1145 — 1—1 box Thermometers Strip Holders and Gaskets.

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Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1932.

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From TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, BOMBAY, COLOMBO & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godown of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, out carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 4th March, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, March 5, 1932, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms, at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box by 5 p.m. on March 4. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 29, 1932.

LAMMERT BROS.

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AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

By Order of the Board of Directors.

ALLAN KEITH,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th January, 1932.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the Eighteenth day of March, 1932, at 11.30 in the forenoon immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$10,000,000.00 divided into 1,000,000 Shares of \$10.00 each, of which the whole have been issued) be increased from \$10,000,000.00 consisting of 1,000,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each by the creation of 500,000 New Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.

2. That in the first instance 200,000 of the said New Shares be offered at par (in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the eighteenth day of March, 1932, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 1,000,000 Old Shares and so that on acceptance of such offer their full nominal amount due in respect of such 200,000 New Shares shall be payable on the 30th day of June, 1932, and that on acceptance of such offer and on payment in manner aforesaid such shares so taken up shall rank as from the 1st day of July, 1932, for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital, and that any of the said 200,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors shall think fit.

3. That such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

4. That the balance of 300,000 Shares constituting the Company's unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting will be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution:—

5. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By the insertion immediately after Article No. 126 of the existing Articles of Association of the two following

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to the Shareholders, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th March, 1932, to 23rd March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 17th February, 1932.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

"new Articles to be known as 'Articles 126A and 126B.'"

"126A. Each Director who is a registered holder in his 'own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital' of the Company shall have 'the power to nominate any person approved for that purpose by a majority of the other Directors of the Company to act as an alternate Director, in his place, during his absence from the Colony of Hong Kong or inability to act through illness as such Director, and at his discretion to remove such alternate Director, and on any such appointment being made, the alternate Director shall be subject in all respect to the terms and conditions existing with reference to the other Directors of the Company, and any alternate Director while acting in the place of an absent Director, shall exercise and discharge all the duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his 'own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital' of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same."

"126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A, of these Articles shall be 'admit in the following form or to the effect following:—'

"I, a Director of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nominate and appoint

to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hong Kong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this day of One thousand nine hundred and thirty

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, March 4, 1932.

NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1932.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank (Lon. Reg.)	1840	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$41.74 (making \$4 for 1931) Feb. 29, 32
Chartered Bank	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% rate 1931 Sep. 31, 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% rate 1931 Sep. 31, 31
Bank of Asia	Dec.	\$5 for 1930... Feb. 29, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1850	Dec.	[Fin. Dividend] \$10 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Union Ins.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
China Underwriters	1694	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	500	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$10 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
H. K. Fire Ins.	1250	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$10 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Shipping.						
Douglases	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931... Mar. 4, 32
H. K. Steamships	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) Mar. 4, 32
Indo-China (Pref.)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) Mar. 4, 32
(Def.)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) Mar. 4, 32
Shells Bearer	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) Mar. 4, 32
Union Waterboats	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) Mar. 4, 32
Mining.						
Bengues	112	Dec.	Fourth Int. Dividend for 1931 (2 1/2% free 12 1/2% Coupon) for year 1931-32... Dec. 31, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Langkai (Single) S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
S'hai Exploration S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Loans	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Raube	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	Dec.	\$1 for 1931... Pending
H. K. & W. Docks	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931... Pending
South Ch. Motors (A)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
(B)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
China Provident (old)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
(new)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Hongkong S'hai	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
N. Engineering S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Shanghai Docks S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hs. (old)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
(new)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
H. K. Lands	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Shanghai Lands S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Humphreys	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
H. K. Realities	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Chinese Estates	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Shanghai Cotton S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Zoong Sings S.	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Peak Tram (old)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
(new)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Sar Ferry	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Yau-mai Ferry	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
China Light (old)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
(new)	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
H. K. Electric	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Macao	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
Sandakan Light	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19, 32
H. K. Tel. fully paid	Dec.	[Final Dividend] \$11.40 for 1931 (Interim \$11.40 for 1930) May 19,



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HEIAN MARU ...	Tuesday, 20th April.	
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HARUNA MARU ...	Saturday, 5th March.	
KATORI MARU ...	Saturday, 19th March.	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
ATSUTA MARU ...	Saturday, 26th March.	
KAMO MARU ...	Saturday, 23rd April.	
MANILA.		
TATSUTA MARU ...	Thursday, 31st March.	
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
KAGA MARU ...	Friday, 11th March.	
TANGO MARU ...	Sunday, 27th March.	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
NAGATO MARU ...	Tuesday, 8th March.	
BENGAL MARU ...	Tuesday, 15th March.	
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Santos Maru ...	Thurs., 24th Mar.	
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Arizona Maru ...	Mon., 7th Mar.	
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, Japan Ports (Frequent Services).		
Sydney Maru ...	Sat., 5th Mar.	
Havana Maru ...	Wed., 9th Mar.	
Amazon Maru ...	Sun., 13th Mar.	
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.		
Kwantu Maru (from Kobe) ...	Thurs., 24th Mar.	
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.		
Hamburg Maru ...	Sat., 19th Mar.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
Menado Maru ...	Sat., 5th Mar.	
HAIPHONG via Hoihow.		
Hozan Maru ...	Sun., 6th Mar.	
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).		
Canada Maru ...	Thurs., 10th Mar.	
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.		
Deli Maru ...	Thurs., 10th Mar.	
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Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI HING	FRI. 4th	SUN. 6th	MON. 7th	TUES. 8th
TAI MING	SUN. 6th	TUES. 8th	WED. 9th	THURS. 10th
TAI HING	WED. 9th	FRI. 11th	SAT. 12th	SUN. 13th
TAI MING	FRI. 11th	SUN. 13th	MON. 14th	TUES. 15th
TAI HING	MON. 14th	WED. 16th	THURS. 17th	FRI. 18th
TAI MING	WED. 16th	FRI. 18th	SAT. 19th	SUN. 20th
TAI HING	SAT. 19th	MON. 21st	TUES. 22nd	WED. 23rd
TAI MING	MON. 21st	WED. 23rd	THURS. 24th	FRI. 25th
TAI HING	THURS. 24th	SAT. 26th	SUN. 27th	MON. 28th
TAI MING	SAT. 26th	MON. 28th	TUES. 29th	WED. 30th
TAI HING	TUES. 29th	THURS. 31st	FRI. 1st	SAT. 2nd
TAI MING	THURS. 31st	SAT. 2nd	SUN. 3rd	MON. 4th

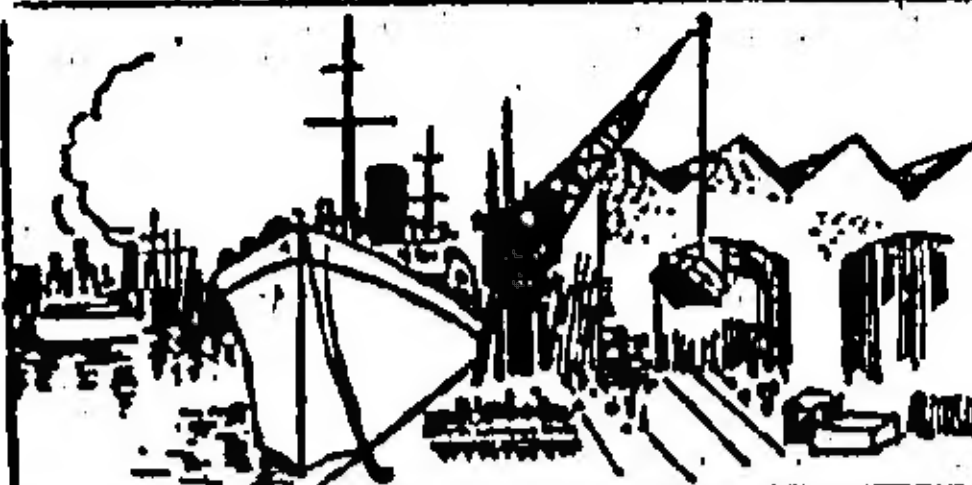
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STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. B.M.S. Empress of Britain (R.W. Cruise) arrived at Yokohama on March 3 (Thurs.) at 7 a.m., leaves Yokohama on March 6 (Sun.) at 8 p.m., and is due at Honolulu on March 13 (Sat.) 7 a.m.

She leaves Honolulu for San Francisco and New York via Panama on March 14 (Mon.) at 5 p.m., and is due at San Francisco on March 20 and New York on April 6. The B.T. & Tilawa left Shanghai for this port on March 2 p.m., and is due here on March 5 at about 8 p.m.



Shipping Intelligence.

OIL TANKER CONSTRUCTION

The bulk oil-carrying vessel—bottom shell and the upper deck of a bulk oil-carrying vessel, from which he argued that the most economical manner in which the beam and diaphragm stresses can be resisted is by a system of longitudinal construction in which the shell plating and the longitudinal stiffeners are "perfectly" continuous, both in sectional area and sectional stiffness across the lines of the bulkheads and the transverse. He then put forward a system to which he gave the name of the "Uniflex" system, in which the connections consist of I-bars from which the inner flange has been removed, the longitudinal of channel section being doubled in way of these connections. The system, he claims, involves no increase in weight, and is more economical of material.—Shipbuilding.

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, March 2.
An Lee, Chinese str., 992 tons, Capt. Nakagawa, buoy No. C2.—Yu Tia Hong.
Calchas, British str., 6,313 tons, Capt. J. Power, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Foo Lee, Chinese str., 859 tons, Capt. H. Tanida, from Dairen, buoy No. B3.—Shun Tai Hong.
Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, from Amoy, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Pekin, French str., 275 tons, Capt. R. Priebe, from Haiphong, Taikoo Dock.—Kin Cheong.
Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. Schreuder, from Singapore, buoy No. A9.—J.C.J.L.
Thursday, March 3.
Bendoran, British str., 3,495 tons, Capt. N. Milne, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Michael Jebben, Danish str., 1,343 tons, Captain H. Inland, from Hoihow, buoy No. B9.—Chin Sing Hong.
Tinhow, British str., 3,164 tons, Capt. A. Scobie, from Swatow, buoy No. A5.—Kwong Nam & Co.
Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.
Yasukuni Maru, Japanese str., 7,157 tons, Capt. N. Segawa, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Yu Sang, British str., 1,122 tons, Capt. Thompson, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

Thursday, March 3.
Chekiang, for Saigon.
Cheong Shing, for Swatow.
Daviken, for Canton.
Graciosa, for Bangkok.
Helikon, for Saigon.
Hathier, for Bangkok.

Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Juno, for Foochow.
Kwangtung, for Canton.
Prosper, for Saigon.
Sinabang, for Whampoa.
Szechuen, for Canton.
Tsinan, for Shanghai.
Tinhow, for Singapore.
Van Heutz, for Swatow.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Berwick—No. 6 buoy.
Bridgewater—East wall.
Bruce—South wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Herald—In dock.
Hermes—West wall.
Medway & subs.—No. 2 buoy.
Pandora—East wall.
Proteus—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Veteran—North wall.
Whitshed—No. 12 buoy.
Witch—No. 13 buoy.
Wren—North wall.
Foreign Men-of-War.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

March 4 to 10, 1932.

Date	High Water	Low Water
	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
Mar.	H. M. F.	H. M. F.
Fri. 4	09 35 4.5	02 25 0.3
Sat. 5	19 35 6.9	12 48 8.3
Sun. 6	09 52 4.8	02 59 0.8
Mon. 7	20 24 7.1	13 40 3.4
Tues. 8	21 05 7.2	14 25 0.7
Wed. 9	10 32 5.0	03 05 0.9
Thurs. 10	21 42 7.0	15 05 2.7
	10 54 6.2	04 15 1.2
	22 15 6.7	15 45 2.5
	11 15 5.3	04 35 1.5
	22 49 6.2	16 25 2.4
	11 37 5.4	04 56 1.7
	23 20 5.6	17 04 2.3

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. President Taft from Manila March 3:—
J. R. Carmichael, F. de la Cruz, Dr. N. L. Downs, F. A. Gibbins, Mrs. Mildred Luyck, W. L. Marshall, Werner Meineke, Mrs. S. Miles, Miss N. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rich, N. S. Saleeby, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Scanlan, G. O. Sheldermine, Mrs. Mercedin Strauss, Chi Choi, Chan Ka-hoy, Miss Maria Dorba, Ponciano L. Feliciano, Rev. Roy Petipren, Po Lun-chuan, Mrs. M. C. de Romero and two sons.

Per Yasukuni Maru from London via Singapore, March 3:—
Mrs. R. G. Gregory, Mrs. M. Weight, Miss J. Weight, J. Jones, J. G. Bhandari, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Frankel, J. W. Martin, Mrs. L. E. Stark, J. P. Wolf, J. R. Ball, Mrs. C. G. Ball, Brother Fabian, Brother Damian, Miss C. Vadder, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mason.

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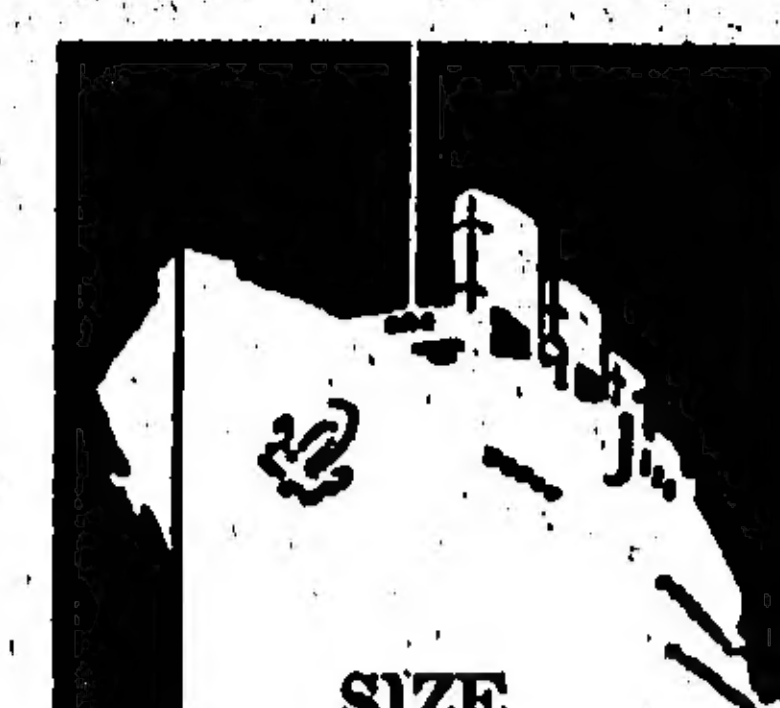
A search among records showed that the launch was built in 1850 by a London firm. Until this search was made, after Lord Willingdon had opened the Sukkur Barrage, no one knew the ship's age, for even the oldest men in the Sind Government service could only say that the white spick and span vessel had been familiar to them since youth. So since nearly a decade before the Indian Mutiny, the sturdy waters of the Indus have been continually washing against the Jhelum, wearing out more than half a dozen sets of bottom plates, but otherwise leaving her unimpaired. Not a screw of her engine has been replaced in all these eight decades of service.

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Emp. of Canada	Apr. 8	Apr. 11		Apr. 13	Apr. 15	Apr. 21	Apr. 26
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30		May 9
Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 9		May 11	May 13	May 19	May 24
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6		June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21
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Artichokes	鴨掌菜	each	12	—	2
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	6	—	9
" Long	豇豆	"	—	—	8
Beet Root	甜菜根	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	青瓜	"	8	24	—
Brijaks, Green	青瓜	"	8	5	8
" Red	紅瓜	"	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	10	—	—
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	"	12	12	—
Cauli Shoots, bunch	菜薹	"	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	18	—	—
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	14	—	—
" (Small)	細花椰菜	"	12	6	6
Carrots	胡蘿蔔	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	中國芹菜	"	12	10	6
Chickies, Dried	鹹乾雞	"	18	25	5
" Red	紅香腸	"	14	10	10
" Green	綠香腸	"	8	8	12
Curry Stuffs, English	英式咖喱料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	黃瓜	"	—	2	—
Garlic	大蒜	"	6	6	—
Ginger, Young	嫩薑	"	10	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海馬蹄	"	60	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	each	9	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	12	—	8
" Mandarin	林馬蹄	"	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	"	—	—	—
Okroes	茄子	"	1	10	—
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	10	8	8
" Green	青蔥	"	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	8	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	25	60	8
Potato, Sweet	甜薯	"	6	8	—
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	—	3	—
" American	美國薯仔	"	8	8	—
Pumpkin	南瓜	"	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	紅大根	"	8	—	10
Stallots	大蔥	"	6	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	"	12	4	—
Tomatoes	蕃茄	"	6	7	—
Taro	芋頭	"	8	6	—
Turnip, Pencil (Long)	長筒茭	"	—	4	—
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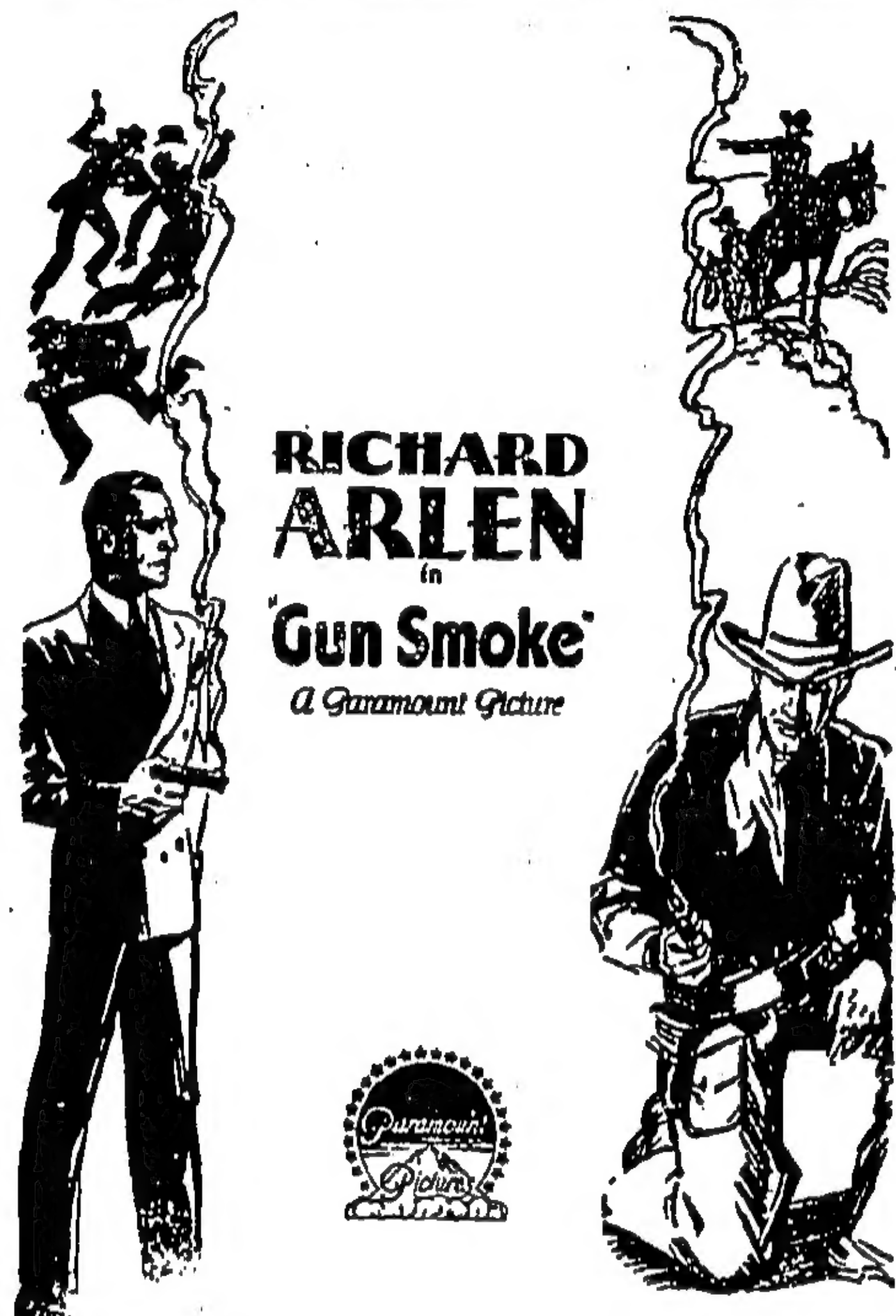
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London, Yesterday.
A scheme for reorganisation, affecting several of the principal companies of the Royal Mail group, has been issued. The scheme, which aims at conserving the interests of creditors and preventing the disintegration of fleets, provides for the creation of two operating companies, namely, the Royal Mail Lines, Limited, comprising fifty-two vessels and the Elder Dempster Shipping Lines, comprising fifty-five ships. The purchase price for the transfer of the vessels is to consist entirely of fully paid shares. In operating the Companies, a further moratorium in respect of all debts, apart from trade liabilities, is to be arranged till 1934.—Reuter.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MEETING.

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to have ordered a cessation of hostilities as from to-night. Some slight firing by the Chinese from new positions is stated to have occurred during the day, but it is possible that this may have resulted from the confusion consequent on the rapid developments of the last few hours.

Statement in House of Commons.
A hopeful view of the situation on facts then available was taken by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Captain Eden, in the House of Commons this afternoon. He recalled that the proposals made for the cessation of hostilities were forwarded to the Chinese and Japanese Governments by their authorities in Shanghai, and that a final reply from the Japanese Government was received in Shanghai last night.

On March 1, the representative at Nanking of the British Minister in China was informed by the Chinese Foreign Minister that the retirement of the Chinese troops was intended, and that this took place over the whole front yesterday. As the result of these events the Japanese authorities gave orders to cease hostilities as from 2 p.m. to-day (Shanghai time). Sir Howard Kelly, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, informed the Chinese accordingly, who had, he understood, agreed to issue similar orders. A further conference would take place aboard the H.M.S. "Kent." He added that while these efforts were being made in Shanghai, the League Council was in no way relaxing its efforts at Geneva for the further liquidation of the situation. As a result there were good grounds for the anticipation of a satisfactory solution.

The House of Commons paid tribute to the efforts of Sir Miles Lampson and Admiral Kelly at Shanghai and Sir John Simon at

MR. W. LYSON. Death of Old Resident of Colony.

FORMERLY IN P.W.D.

The death occurred at his residence, No. 29 Kai Tack Bund, Kowloon City, last night, of Mr. W. Lyson, who had been a resident in the Colony for almost the whole of his 71 years.

Mr. Lyson was the father of Captain C. H. Lyson, who served with distinction in the War and subsequently returned to Hong Kong to practise as a solicitor and ultimately became principal of Messrs. Lyson & Hall.

Mr. Lyson, senior, served in the Public Works Department for a number of years, but left to join Mr. E. M. Hazeland, architect (now Messrs. Hazeland & Gonella). Latterly Mr. Lyson retired and lived in Kowloon City. His very cheerful nature won for him a host of friends among all the communities whose sympathy will be extended to his family.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon in Chiu Yuen Cemetery, Mount Davis.

RUSTY KNIFE.

Overawes Victims of a Robbery.

An armed robbery was committed on the second floor of 2, Yunnan Lane, Yaumatei, yesterday afternoon. Wong Ng-mui (21), a married woman, was coming out of the kitchen when she was met by a Chinese who had entered by the staircase door. He asked for "Ah Chan," but was informed that no such person lived there. Three other Chinese then broke in, and, after driving the inmates to a rear cubicle, bound and gagged them. (Continued at foot of next column.)

Geneva for their peace efforts, and cheered the reference by Captain Eden to the "welcome and invaluable co-operation by the United States Government with the Powers represented on the League Council.

Dr. Yen Blance Japan.
At this evening's Assembly meeting, Dr. Yen in declaring that armistice negotiations had broken down attributed this to the failure of the Japanese to carry out the proposals agreed upon at a meeting on Admiral Kelly's Flagship on February 28. Chinese troops, he said, had been withdrawn on the strength of that agreement. He had read the terms of the Japanese reply dated to-day, which, he said, set out the conditions imposing terms of a conqueror which China could not accept. He appealed to the Assembly to establish an armistice in conformity with the terms reached aboard the British Flagship and in conformity with the spirit of the League Covenant.

Mr. Matsudaira, having read the terms of the telegram ordering Japanese troops to cease fighting, contended that his country was justified in every action taken during the Far Eastern trouble and again declared that she harboured no territorial designs.—British Wireless Service.

J. H. THOMAS RECEIVES DEPUTATION.

In View of the Ottawa Conference.

CONSIDERING 1930 PROPOSALS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and other Ministers, to-day received a deputation from the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, which sought information as to the possibility of the Ottawa Conference considering the adoption of proposals submitted jointly before the Imperial Conference of 1930 by the Trades Union Congress and the Federation of British Industries, including the establishment of a permanent Commonwealth Economic Secretariat and the organisation of a Commonwealth Trade Conference. Mr. Thomas assured the deputation of his unabated support on the principles contained in the joint document.—British Official Wireless Service.

GRAVE AND GAY.

All the readers of Stephen Leacock, the humorist, may not know that he is also Dr. Stephen Leacock, the economist. He is Professor of Economics at McGill University, Montreal, and can be as grave as he can be gay. His book, "Economic Prosperity in the British Empire," was widely read at the time of the last Imperial Conference, and I now learn he has written another, writes a contributor to a Scottish paper.

This will be published in time for the forthcoming conference, and it is entitled, "Back to Prosperity; The Great Opportunity of the Empire Conference," and advocates, I understand, an imperial super tariff together with a system of three-cornered preference.

COAL RECORDS.

New records in coal shipments are not looked for in these depressing times, but there are two ports on the North-East Coast which are proving welcome exceptions. They are Blyth and Sunderland, which have both established a best on record week's shipments.

From Blyth the shipments of steam coal, which have been steadily mounting up of late, last week reached a total of 115,717 tons, which beats the previous highest record for the mid-week of February, 1930, when 115,205 tons were returned. This is not only gratifying to the port, but is evidence of the recovery in the Northumberland steam coal since the country went off the gold standard.

The shipments from Sunderland for the week ending December 5 amounted to 139,740 tons, a quantity which has never before been recorded by the port. The opening of the new coal staith assisted prominently in this achievement.

One of the robbers kept guard over the victims, with a rusty knife, whilst his confederates proceeded to ransack the floor. They decamped with money, jewellery, and clothing, to the value of \$127.70.

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